# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM
# LOK SABHA

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Inflow of Tourists
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the number of domestic/foreign tourists visiting tourist spots has decreased in the country during the last five years;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(c) whether the Ministry has formulated any new policy to promote and boost the tourism sector; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b): The number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs) and the Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) to various States/ Union Territories (UTs) during each of the last five years are as below:
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(DTVs/FTVs in lakhs)
Year DTVs FTVs
2010 7477 179
2011 8645 195
2012 10450 183
2013 11425 200
2014 12901 226

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The DTVs and FTVs reveal an increasing trend during the last five years except a decline in FTVs during 2012.

(c) and (d): The Ministry of Tourism has formulated a draft National Tourism Policy 2015 with the aim of positioning India as a "Must Experience" and "Must Revisit" destination for global travellers, whilst encouraging Indians to explore their own country and realise the potential of tourism as a major engine for economic growth, employment generation and poverty alleviation in a sustainable, responsible and inclusive framework, to the betterment of the community.

The Ministry of Tourism held rounds of consultations to obtain inputs for the Policy from overseas tour operators, stakeholders in the tourism and hospitality industries, State Governments and UT Administrations, experts, veterans and eminent personalities in the field of tourism. The draft Policy was also hosted on the official websites of the Ministry of Tourism for seeking public comments. In addition, as part of the inter-ministerial consultations, the draft Policy has been circulated among 33 Central Ministries/Departments inviting their comments.

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